

## Black Henbane

*(Hyoscyamus niger)*

NRCS has introduced a new program under the 2006 Colorado EQIP Invasive Plant Program to address this particular weed.



### Features:

- Native of Europe
- Member of the Nightshade family
- Grows 1 - 3 feet tall
- Leaves are up to 8 inches long and 6 inches wide, shallowly lobed, and heavy, foul scented
- Flowers are brownish-yellow with a purple center and purple veins
- Common weed of pastures, fencerows, roadsides, and waste areas
- Seeds may live for ten years in the soil
- Contains hyoscyamine and other alkaloids which can cause livestock poisoning
- Considered a narcotic and poisonous plant to humans

### How YOU Can Help

- ✓ Learn to identify invasive plant species in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of invasive species to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants. They may be invasive species and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

For more information on the identification and control of noxious weeds contact your local NRCS and Conservation District Office.